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Communication-oriented abstractions such as atomic multicast, group RPC, and protocols for location-independent mobile computing can simplify the development of complex applications built on distributed systems. This article describes Coyote, a system that supports the construction of highly modular and configurable versions of such abstractions. Coyote extends the notion of protocol objects and hierarchical composition found in existing systems with support for finer-grain microprotocol ob ...

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Distributed operating systems have many aspects in common with centralized ones, but they also differ in certain ways. This paper is intended as an introduction to distributed operating systems, and especially to current university research about them. After a discussion of what constitutes a distributed operating system and how it is distinguished from a computer network, various key design issues are discussed. Then several examples of current research projects are examined in some detail ...

4 TinyDB: an acquisitional query processing system for sensor networks



Samuel R. Madden, Michael J. Franklin, Joseph M. Hellerstein, Wei Hong
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We discuss the design of an acquisitional query processor for data collection in sensor networks. Acquisitional issues are those that pertain to where, when, and how often data is physically acquired (*sampled*) and delivered to query processing operators. By focusing on the locations and costs of acquiring data, we are able to significantly reduce power consumption over traditional passive systems that assume the *a priori* existence of data. We discuss simple extensions to SQL for controlli ...

Keywords: Query processing, data acquisition, sensor networks

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6 Sensor databases: The design of an acquisitional query processor for sensor networks



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A broad range of embedded networked sensor (ENS) systems for critical environmental

monitoring applications now require complex, high peak power dissipating sensor devices, as well as on-demand high performance computing and high bandwidth communication. Embedded computing demands for these new platforms include support for computationally intensive image and signal processing as well as optimization and statistical computing. To meet these new requirements while maintaining critical support for ...

Keywords: embedded wireless networked sensor, energy-aware multiprocessor platform, sensor platform hardware and software architecture

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Physical layer wireless network emulation has the potential to be a powerful experimental tool. An important challenge in physical emulation, and traditional simulation, is to accurately model the wireless channel. In this paper we examine the possibility of using on-card signal strength measurements to capture wireless channel traces. A key advantage of this approach is the simplicity and ubiquity with which these measurements can be obtained since virtually all wireless devices provide the req ...

Keywords: channel capture, emulation, wireless

10 An IPC protocol and its hardware realization for a high-speed distributed multicomputer system



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Multicomputer systems with distributed control form an architecture that simultaneously satisfies such design goals as high performance through parallel operation of VLSI processors, modular extensibility, fault tolerance, and system software simplification. The nodes of the system may be locally concentrated or spatially dispersed as a local network. Applications range from data base-oriented transactional systems to "number crunching." The system is service-oriented; that is, it ...

11 A SMART scheduler for multimedia applications



Jason Nieh, Monica S. Lam
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Real-time applications such as multimedia audio and video are increasingly populating the workstation desktop. To support the execution of these applications in conjunction with traditional non-real-time applications, we have created SMART, a Scheduler for Multimedia And Real-Time applications. SMART supports applications with time constraints, and provides dynamic feedback to applications to allow them to adapt to the current load. In addition, the support for real-time applications is integrat ...

Keywords: Scheduling, multimedia, proportional sharing, real-time**12** Fast detection of communication patterns in distributed executions

Thomas Kunz, Michiel F. H. Seuren

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Understanding distributed applications is a tedious and difficult task. Visualizations based on process-time diagrams are often used to obtain a better understanding of the execution of the application. The visualization tool we use is Poet, an event tracer developed at the University of Waterloo. However, these diagrams are often very complex and do not provide the user with the desired overview of the application. In our experience, such tools display repeated occurrences of non-trivial commun ...

13 Tools and methods for the verification of processors and processor-based systems:Smart diagnostics for configurable processor verification

Sadik Ezer, Scott Johnson

June 2005 **Proceedings of the 42nd annual conference on Design automation****Publisher:** ACM PressFull text available: [pdf\(228.59 KB\)](#) Additional Information: [full citation](#), [abstract](#), [references](#), [index terms](#)

This paper describes a novel technique called Embedded Test-bench Control (ETC), extensively used in the verification of Tensilica's latest configurable processor. Conventional simulation-based verification methodologies that employ assembly programs for testing cannot easily link the diagnostic program to the test-bench for interactive control, consequently resulting in weaker coverage. ETC links the diagnostic program execution and the test-bench functions, thereby increasing the flexibility a ...

Keywords: configurable processors, coverage, diagnostics, embedded test-bench control, functional verification**14** A parallel embedded-processor architecture for ATM reassembly

Richard F. Hobson, P. S. Wong

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15 Power reduction techniques for microprocessor systems

Vasanth Venkatachalam, Michael Franz

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Power consumption is a major factor that limits the performance of computers. We survey the "state of the art" in techniques that reduce the total power consumed by a microprocessor system over time. These techniques are applied at various levels ranging from circuits to architectures, architectures to system software, and system software to applications. They also include holistic approaches that will become more important over the next decade. We conclude that power management is a ...

Keywords: Energy dissipation, power reduction16 SPOTS'06 session 3--software, development suites, & algorithms: Sdlib: a sensor network data and communications library for rapid and robust application development

David Chu, Kaisen Lin, Alexandre Linares, Giang Nguyen, Joseph M. Hellerstein

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Sensor network applications tend to exhibit significant high-level commonalities along several major dimensions that have heretofore been underexposed, particularly in the areas of collection and dissemination. We have developed a component library, sdlib, which presents the fundamental abstractions of collection and dissemination as part of a dataflow sytem. This allows application developers to rapidly develop applications at the nesC level. This means that sdlib maintains significant e ...

Keywords: collection, dissemination, software library, wireless sensor networks17 Executable requirements for embedded systems

Pamela Zave, Raymond T. Yeh

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An approach to requirements specification for embedded systems, based on constructing an executable model of the proposed system interacting with its environment, is proposed. The approach is explained, motivated, and related to data-oriented specification techniques. Portions of a specification language embodying it are introduced, and illustrated with an extended example in which the requirements for a process-control system are developed incrementally.

18 The Alpha demonstration unit: a high-performance multiprocessor

Charles P. Thacker, David G. Conroy, Lawrence C. Stewart

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19 The Clipper processor: instruction set architecture and implementation



W. Hollingsworth, H. Sachs, A. J. Smith

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Intergraph's CLIPPER microprocessor is a high performance, three chip module that implements a new instruction set architecture designed for convenient programmability, broad functionality, and easy future expansion.

20 Embra: fast and flexible machine simulation



Emmett Witchel, Mendel Rosenblum

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This paper describes Embra, a simulator for the processors, caches, and memory systems of uniprocessors and cache-coherent multiprocessors. When running as part of the SimOS simulation environment, Embra models the processors of a MIPS R3000/R4000 machine faithfully enough to run a commercial operating system and arbitrary user applications. To achieve high simulation speed, Embra uses dynamic binary translation to generate code sequences which simulate the workload. It is the first machine simu ...

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